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1. IN MEETING WITH MAKARIOS MARCH 16, AMBASSADOR SHOULD REITERATE STRONGLY THAT ONLY COMMITMENT CLIFFORD RECEIVED IN ANKARA WAS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD PUT CONCRETE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL ON TABLE AT MARCH 31 INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA. TURKS EXPLAINED DURING ANKARA CONVERSATIONS THAT WHILE THEY COULD NOT ADVANCE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL
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OF THEIR OWN, TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL ISSUE ON BASIS OF MAP PRESENTED BY OTHERS (PREFERABLY GREEK CYPRIOTS). TURKS PLEDGED, IN GENERAL TERMS, TO COOPERATE IN ARRANGING SUSTAINED NEGOTIATION IN WHICH ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES COULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF PACKAGE SETTLEMENT. THIS FOLLOWED STRONG PRESENTATION BY CLIFFORD TO TURKS EMPHASIZING NEED FOR CONCRETE,

REASONABLE TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL AND MOVEMENT
TOWARD SUSTAINED, SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BEGINNING
WITH VIENNA MEETING ON MARCH 31.

2. CLIFFORD MADE FOREGOING CLEAR TO PRESIDENT MAKARIOS,
WHO AT NO POINT IN CONVERSATIONS ASKED FOR TURKISH

TERRITORIAL COUNTER-PROPOSAL. ALL MAKARIOS COULD EXPECT
ON BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH CLIFFORD WAS THAT TURKS
WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON TERRITORIAL
ISSUES ON BASIS GREEK CYPRIOT MAP.

3. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION WITH TURKS OR GREEK CYPRIOTS OF
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH WERE
TO BE PUT ON THE TABLE IN VIENNA AND GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTI-
ATORS AS DEVELOPED DURING MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING WITH
WALDHEIM ON FEBRUARY 12. GIVEN THIS FACT, IT SEEMS TO US
THAT PROBLEM, IF ONE IN FACT DOES DEVELOP, DOES NOT CONCERN
TERMINOLOGY AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR DE CUELLAR.
AMBASSADOR SHOULD STRESS THIS POINT TO DE CUELLAR, NOTING
THAT COMMITMENTS TO CLIFFORD IN ANKARA AND NICOSIA WERE IN
NO WAY RELATED TO INSTRUCTIONS TO NEGOTIATORS WORKED OUT
AT FEBRUARY 12 MEETING WITH WALDHEIM.
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